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SUBJECT: KHAMA ON REGIONAL PROBLEMS

REF: A) GABORONE 1600; B) GABORONE 1428; C) GABORONE 1565

(NOTAL) D) GABORONE A-81 (NOTAL)

1. PRESIDENT KHAMA ADDRESSED OPENING SESSION OF PARLIAMENT ON NOVEMBER 24. IN FOREIGN POLICY SECTION OF SPEECH, HE DISCUSSED ANGOLA, RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

2. ANGOLA: KHAMA CHASTISED THE MPLA, FNLA AND UNITA AND THEIR "FOREIGN SUPPORTERS" WHO ARE GRABBIN FOR POWER "WITH NO REGARD WHATSOEVER FOR THE LOSS OF INNOCENT LIVES." KHAMA CALLED UPON THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO UNITE AND CONDEMNED "THOSE FROM OUTSIDE ANGOLA WHO ARE ENCOURAGING THE ANGOLAN PEOPE TO SLAUGHTER EACH OTHER AND ARE EVEN PARTICIPATING IN THE WAR". (REF A).

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3. RHODESIA: THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED "GENERAL ALARM" AT

THE POLITICAL IMPASSE IN RHODESIA AND LAMENTED THE "REGRETTABLE SPLIT" IN THE ANC. HE AGAIN ACCUSED THE SMITH REGIME OF COMMITTING "AGGRESSIVE ACTS" (REF B) DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE BOTSWANA INTO DENYING "TEMPORARY HAVEN FOR RHODESIAN REFUGEES."

4. NAMIBIA: KHAMA CRITICIZED SOUTH AFRICA FOR ITS POLICY OF "SELECTIVE DETENTE," I.E. NOT GRANTING THE MAJORITY RULE TO NAMIBIANS THAT SOUTH AFRICA CLAIMS TO WANT FOR RHODESIANS. SO LONG AS THIS POLICY PERSISTS, KHAMA SAID, SOUTH AFRICA HAS GENUINE DESIRE FOR PEACE WILL BE IN DOUBT."

5. SOUTH AFRICA: KHAMA STRONGLY RESTATED BOTSWANA'S POSITION ON THE "INHUMAN POLICY OF APARTHEID" AND REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT WITHOUT THE ABOLITION OF APARTHEID THERE CANNOT BE PEACE OR STABILITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE REAFFIRMED HIS OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S HOMELANDS POLICY, CLAIMING THAT BLACKS ARE BEING "HERDED INTO BARRED BANTUSTANS" TO PRESERVE APARTHEID.

6. COMMENT: THERE WERE NO REAL FOREIGN POLICY DEPARTURES IN SPEECH. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE, HOWEVER, KHAMA'S RECOGNITION THAT SOME "OUTSIDE" NATIONS ARE ACTUALLY PARTICIPATING IN ANGOLAN FIGHTING. ALTHOUGH U.S. HAS BEEN ACCUSED IN BOTSWANA PRESS OF SUPPORTING FNLA AND UNITA (REF C), BLATENT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA IS SEEN VERY CRITICALLY HERE (PARA 2, REF A).

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